

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 15, 2008, the Board took the following action:

7 Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"A coalition of concerned public health, community, and business organizations have joined together to observe National Infant Immunization Week and Toddler Immunization Month as designated by the United States Department of Health & Human Services and Center for Disease Control and Prevention to increase awareness for the benefit, importance, and safety of immunizations.

"Immunizations are safe and effective. It is also the best way to protect infants and young children, their families, and the communities in which they live against serious and sometimes deadly vaccine-preventable diseases. Infants and young children still suffer from diseases such as pertussis, chickenpox, and measles, which can be prevented by recommended childhood immunizations.

"Approximately one out of five children in Los Angeles County have not received all recommended immunizations by 24 months of age and children in certain ethnic groups are less likely to have received recommended immunizations, leaving them at greater risk for illness. Free and low-cost immunizations are available to infants and young children throughout Los Angeles County."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Proclaimed April 19 through 26, 2008 as "National Infant Immunization Week" throughout Los Angeles County;
- 2. Proclaimed May 2008 as "Toddler Immunization Month" throughout Los Angeles County; and
- 3. Encouraged parents, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to help the County's children, families, and communities to stay on track for a lifetime of good health by encouraging timely immunization from birth.

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